

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING COMPLIANT CUFF,
the specification of which

(check one) [] is attached hereto.

[X] was filed on July 1, 1998 as

Application Serial No. 09/108,483

and was amended on 12/15/99 and 3/22/00

(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a), including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the material or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s):

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing	Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. 119	
		Day/Mo./Year	[] YES	[] NO
		Day/Mo./Year	[] YES	[] NO
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Codes §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

08/522,876 9/01/95 Abandoned
Application Serial No. Filing Date Status (patented, pending, abandoned)

08/108,483 7/01/98 Abandoned
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I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith as well as to file equivalent patent applications in countries foreign to the United States including the filing of international patent applications in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty: Audley A. Ciamporcero, Jr. (Reg. #26,051), Steven P. Berman (Reg. #24,772), Andrea L. Colby (Reg. #30,194), Paul A. Coletti (Reg. #32,019), Matthew S. Goodwin (Reg. #32,839), Ralph S. Palo (Reg. #29,486), Bernard F. Plantz (Reg. #32,091), Joseph F. Shirtz (Reg. #31,880), Michael Stark (Reg. #32,495), Michael Q. Tatlow (Reg. #20,501) and

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